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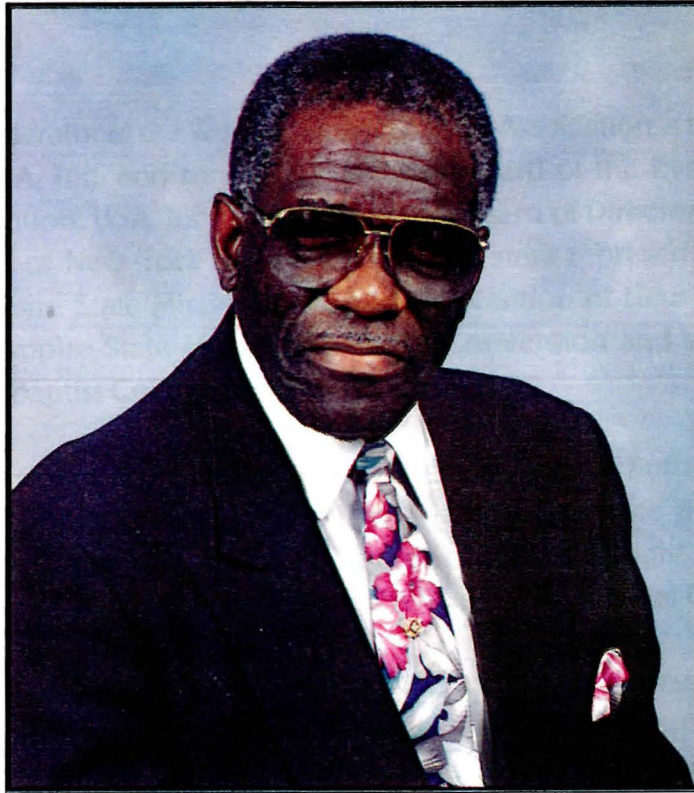
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*Celebration of Life
for*



Sunrise
December 27, 1926

Sunset
July 21, 1998

Reverend Albert Charles Ware
"Won't God Do It."

**Tuesday, July 28, 1998
11:00 a.m.**

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
402 Clinton Street
Buffalo, New York**

**Whitfield Washington, Jr., Worship Leader
Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church**

**James R. Banks II, Worship Leader
Pastor, Faith Baptist Church**

**Rev. Melvin C. Smith, Eulogist
Pastor, Mt. Moriah-East Baptist Church Memphis, Tennessee**

Rev. Ware was past president of the Toledo, Ohio, branch of the NAACP. Both he and the Friendship Baptist Church are life members. He is a former member of the NAACP Executive Committee of the Buffalo branch and was selected by the National Director to coordinate the Religious Affairs Department to the 1981-82 Annual NAACP Church Financial Campaign in Buffalo and its surrounding area.

Rev. Ware was Moderator of the Western District Baptist Association; a member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and member, Executive Board of the Evangelistic Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York State and serves as state representative for the Board of Evangelism for the Empire State Missionary Baptist Convention of New York Inc.; former area vice president of the Empire State Missionary Baptist Convention and serves on the Advisory Board of the American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee.

He was former president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Buffalo and Vicinity; former member of the Erie County Charter Committee; former first vice president of the Inter-Denominational Ministers' Council; former treasurer of the Late Night Fellowship Council of Buffalo; former member of the Board of Directors of Sheehan Memorial Hospital.

Rev. Ware was the president of the Board of Directors which oversees the management of two large housing complexes, Towne Gardens Limited and Ellicott Community Redevelopment Foundation Inc., formerly known as Towne Gardens Phase I and II. He serves as Executive Director of Friendship Manor and, the Judiciary Committee, the Legal Aid Bureau and the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, and is Past President of the Erie County Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Rev. Ware has given 40 years of dedicated and sacrificial service to God Almighty.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1998 at 9:50 p.m. in the Buffalo General Hospital, the earthly sojourn of Albert Charles Ware came to a close. Now pain and suffering are over -- "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

A rich legacy and many beautiful memories are left to be cherished by his devoted and loving wife of twenty-five years, Shirley M. Ware; seven children, Dayaira Antoinette Ware, Deneece Ware (George Sr.) Page, Judy Ware Harris, Albert Charles Ware, Jr. Venus Rene' Chapman, Antoinette Chapman, McKinney E. (Marjore) Chapman III; his mother, Sally Pearl Ware Jackson; two sisters, Christine (Eugene) Harper and Earnestine (Nathaniel) Parker; two brothers, Charles Jackson and Eugene Jackson, Jr.; sister-in-law, Lillian Truss; eight grandchildren, Tamara Lott, George Page, Jr., Marco Ware, McKinney E. Chapman IV; Tehran Davis, Tara Harris, Iesha Chapman, Takiya Ware; three great grandchildren, Kameron Lott, Keenan Lott and Aaron Chapman Brown; one aunt, Pearlene Taylor; one great aunt, Charlie Bell Stevenson; for special children, Jimmie Lee, Leonard Lee, Velma Griggs, and Charles Lee; one god son, Marcus Charles Holmes; one god

Celebration of the Life of Albert Charles Ware

For the believer, this earthly sojourn is at best a preparation for eternity. A. Charles Ware prepared well by living a life reflecting a personal knowledge of Jesus. He was a true servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; a great preacher who faithfully preached the Word of God. He was a pastor, shepherd, and counselor. He reproved and rebuked, but ever in the spirit of love. He cared for the sick and the sorrowing. Those in trouble knew him as a friend who could always be counted on, and he was always alert to be wherever he was most needed. A. Charles Ware was an example to his church members, his fellow ministers and all who knew him. He worked in love, wisdom, humility with courage, patience, joy, and self denial--investing his life for God to the glory of God. His life's work spread from his home into his church and the community. His testimony was always constructive and faithful. Christ was his all in all. He had a heart through which God loved, a voice through which God spoke, a hand through which God helped.

Albert Charles Ware was born in Macon, Mississippi, the eldest son of Mrs. Sally P. Jackson and the late Mr. Kirk Ware. He was converted at an early age in Mississippi. After moving to Memphis, Tennessee, he was baptized by Rev. Ed Johnson, Pastor of the St. Thomas Baptist Church. While a member of St. Thomas, he received the Divine Call to the Ministry and was licensed by Rev. Ed Johnson in December 1958.

Rev. Ware was educated in Greenwood, Mississippi. He was a graduate of Tennessee Mechanic Institute Class of 1953.

Rev. Ware served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He received the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity in January 1963 at Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Alabama; Diploma in Theology from the J.L. Campbell School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee in January 1966 and received the Doctor of Humane Letters from the Tennessee Baptist School of Religion in 1982. On December 22, 1991, he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Baptist Bible School of Western New York.

Rev. Ware has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Arkansas, Memphis, Tennessee and Toledo, Ohio. He was called the leadership of the Friendship Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York in July 1978.

Under his leadership the Friendship Baptist Church family has been blessed. Through his prayerful guidance in 1993 the Church completed a \$250,000 renovation of the Sanctuary and lower auditorium. The \$750,000 Edward D. McNeely Education Building was completed in November 1994. A \$2 million 50-unit Senior Citizen and Handicapped apartment complex named Friendship Manor was completed in April 1992. Application has been filed to add 20 units to our existing Friendship Manor. We are currently planning to renovate the sanctuary -----New stain glass windows, new staircase to front entrance and new glass doors at front entrance.

A Celebration of Life

– Order of Worship –

Prelude Sis. Denise Y. Sullivan
Minister of Music

Processional Clergy, Pallbearers, Family

Invocation Joe R. Christopher
Pastor, Revelation Baptist Church

Choral Worship Friendship United Choirs

Old Testament Scripture..... Paul F. Thompson
Psalm 30:1-12 Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church

New Testament Scripture..... James C. Blackburn, Jr.
2 Timothy 4:1-8 Pastor, Greater Hope Baptist Church

Solo "I Will Trust in the Lord" Dayaira Ware
Daughter

Words of Tribute

King Peterson, President, Ellicott Community Redevelopment
Foundation, Inc. (Towne Gardens I)
Towne Gardens Ltd. (Towne Gardens II)

Anthony M. Masiello, Mayor, City of Buffalo

James W. Pitts, President, Buffalo Common Council

Dennis T. Gorski, Executive, County of Erie

Barbara Howe, NYS Supreme Court Justice

Arthur O. Eve, Assemblyman, State of New York

Charles Jennings, Jr., Vice Moderator, Western Baptist District Association

Whitfield Washington, Jr., Moderator, Great Lakes Baptist Association

William Gillison, Jr., President, Baptist Ministers Conference of Buffalo & Vicinity

Herbert V. Reid, President, Empire Baptist Congress of Christian Education

Wanda Bunton, President, Empire Baptist Ministers Wives & Widows

Amos Jones, Jr., CEO, Bethlehem Book Publishers Inc. Nashville, Tennessee

Robert W. Dixon, President, Empire Baptist Missionary Convention

Elias J. Jones, President, National Baptist Evangelistic Board

Henry J. Lyons, President, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Solo "Jesus" Judy Harris
Daughter

Words of Tribute

Levi Clayton, Chair, Board of Deacons, Friendship Baptist Church

Lila Miller, President, Deaconess Board, Friendship Baptist Church

daughter, Jacqueline Harrise; one great god child, Chelsea Harrise; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other adopted sons and daughters, his church family and many, many friends.

You made the common way of life a part of beauty and of grace;

Friendliness and peace and joy shone from your face.

We came to you with all our burdens;

You shared our loss and pain,

And by your wisdom and your faith

You helped us once and once again.

Your memory will inspire us in the day's stress and strain

The faith and strength you gave to us

Will through our life remain.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We will remember him.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, We will remember him.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring We will remember him.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer We will remember him.

In the rustling of leave, and in the beauty of autumn, We will remember him.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We will remember him.

When we are weary, and in need of strength,

We will remember him.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We will remember him.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We will remember him.

So long as we will live, for he is now a part of us,

We will remember him

With all our love

The Family

Thank you for 25 years of love, happiness and companionship.

I will always love you.

Your wife Shirley

Daddy, you are the wind beneath my wings.

Love, Dayaira

We love you daddy and will miss you.

Love, Deneece, Judy and A.C. Ware Jr.

We will miss you pops.

Love, Venus, Antoinette and Mickey

I Will Trust In The Lord

I Will Trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord!
I will trust in the Lord till I die...I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord till I die.

Father, I stretch my hand to Thee, No other help I know;
If Thou withdraw Thy self from me, Ah! whither shall I go?

What did Thy only Son endure, Before I drew my breath?
What pain, what labor to secure My soul from endless death

Author of faith, to Thee I lift My weary, longing eyes;
Oh, may I now receive that gift; My soul without it dies.

Listen With Your Heart

Memories are a treasure time cannot take away.....
So may you be surrounded by happy ones today...
May all the love and tenderness of golden years well spent
Come back today to fill your heart with beauty and content...
And when you walk down MEMORY LANE and meet the one who cares
For while you cannot see him, he'll be watching from above...
And if you trust your dreaming your faith will make it true....
And if you listen with your heart he'll come and talk to you...
So for his sake be happy and show him that his love
Has proven strong and big enough to reach down from above...
And you will never walk alone when Memory's Door swings wide...
For you'll find that Pastor A. Charles Ware is always at your side
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and
in the power of his might. Ephesians 6:10

Submitted by: Karen D. Hill, Church Clerk

The Youth Department of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church With all our Love

Our hearts are broken and our spirits crushed, of our beloved Pastor. Psalm 34:18 reads,
"The Lord is close to the broken hearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit".

When Pastor taught us in song, to **"Trust in the Lord,"** we now realize and understand the true meaning no matter what may come your way, may it be a trial or friends mistreating you, you just keep on trusting.

Our prayer was that **God's Permissive** will be done, not our will. God's will was to take Pastor on home to a far better place and we his flock must accept the will of God.

Pastor taught us through song, that if we ever heard of his **"Homegoin"** don't worry, because he was just another soldier on his way home.

**GOD WILL DO IT!
Just Because He's God**

Dorothy F. Harris, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Friendship Baptist Church
A. Michael Charles Durant, Pastor, Tenth Street Baptist Church Washington, DC
Representing Pastor Ware's sons in the ministry

Bennett W. Smith, Sr., President, Progressive National Baptist Convention

Family

Poem Venus Chapman
Daughter

Words of Tribute - Close Friends

R. W. McClendon, Pastor, First Progressive Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan
A. E. Campbell, Jr., Pastor, Salem Institutional Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
L.C. Luther, North Chicago, Illinois
Diane Davis, Associate Minister, First Shiloh Baptist Church

Solo Deneece Ware Page
Daughter

Acknowledgements Karen D. Hill
Church Clerk

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection Friendship United Choirs

Eulogy Melvin Charles Smith
Pastor, Mt. Moriah-East Baptist Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Recessional

"When You Hear of My Homegoing"



When you hear of my homegoing
Don't worry 'bout me
When you hear of my homegoing
Don't worry 'bout me
When you hear of my homegoing
Don't worry 'bout me
I'm just another soldier on my home.

One thing I know, I sure been born again
I made preparation a long time ago
When He calls my name
It will be my time to go
Fixed up right now
I'm on my way home.

- Pallbearers -

Members, Board of Deacons

- Honorary Pallbearers -

Friendship Baptist Church Associate Ministers

- Flower Bearers -

Members, Board of Deaconess
Members, Usher Boards

- Arrangements Entrusted To -

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York 14211

- Entombment -

Rosewood Atrium East Mausoleum
Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York

- Acknowledgment-

The family of Rev. Albert Charles Ware would like to thank all who unselfishly gave support and love during his illness and passing. We thank everyone whose caring friendship and love have given us strength. May God continue to shower each of you with the blessings of peace and happiness.